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SUBJECT: FIRED WORKERS IN HUNGER STRIKE

1. LIMA'S CORREO OF JANUARY 30 CARRIES SMALL ITEM TO EFFECT THAT
8 WORKERS FIRED IN THE WAKE OF JULY 19, 1977 GENERAL STRIKE BEGAN
A HUNGER STRIKE ON SATURDAY, JAN 28, IN LIMA'S CONVENT OF SANTO
DOMINGO TO PROTEST THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REHIRED.
WE HAVE SEEN ONLY ONE OTHER REFERENCE TO THE STRIKE IN EITHER THE GOP

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CONTROLLED MEDIA OR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.
A PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE STRIKERS WAS CANCELLED BY THE
CONVENT PRIOR BECAUSE THE EIGHT WERE "NOT IN CONDITION" TO MAKE
DECLARATIONS. THE STRIKERS, WHO ARE BEING WATCHED BY POLICE,
HAVE SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ EXPLAINING THE
MOTIVES FOR THEIR STRIKE AND ASKING TO BE REINSTATED IN THEIR
FORMER JOBS. THE GOP HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE STRIKERS'
PETITIONS.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE PRECEDENT SET BY THE RECENT HUNGER
STRIKE IN BOLIVIA, THIS SITUATION HAS NOT YET ATTRACTED
WIDESPREAD ATTENTION OR SUPPORT. THE GOP CONTROLS MOST OF
THE MASS MEDIA AND INDEPENDENT WEEKLY MAGAZINES HAVE NOT YET
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HAD A CHANCE TO PLAY THE STRIKE UP. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH
LEFTIST GROUPS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORT THIS PROTEST, IT DOES
NOT APPEAR TO HAVE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OR BOARD SUPPORT
FROM POLITICAL PARTIES OR THE CHURCH.

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